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Dear John,

Thanks for the carbon of your letter to Bernabei.

How awful, it must have been for an active man not to be confined to bed and to have to stay in a darkened room, presumeably not using his eyes!

When we met at Walter Reed we discussed the possibility of our filing a joint suit. I again encourage this ~~one~~ for a number of reasons. As you know, I have~~p~~ planned this for two years, as soon as I could. I thought I'd made the arrangements with a representative of a group of lawyers a short while back but haven't heard, so I do not know when. We should not wind up either competing or at cross purposes. I may have established certain things that law and lawyers sometimes require that you may not or may not have in the same way. In addition, I have other things than you have that bear very much on this, including what I did not have when I saw you, things of recent origin.

The lawyer I consulted is a constitutional expert and he sees some possibilities in that direction also.

Since we discussed this I have learned that some of the things we have been told of the pictures and X-rays are not factual. I have proof of certain decisions that were made that are contrary to what has been said of them in public. I have some material so hot I haven't even shown it to the lawyer I saw pending hearing his decision, and I believe it is so relevant to this!

There are other considerations I press upon you, and that is what I alone know that can be used in a trial. Remember, aside from what you read in POST MORTEM, and what I showed you, I have between a third and a half that much to add. I have delayed doing this while writing two other books, now both in first draft, and I think it would be beneficial, whether you agree for us to sue jointly, for you to understand what this new writing, which does not address the medical evidence directly, actually means. It puts everything in a special perspective.

Hope you are completely recovered.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg